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- 1. DURING THE MOST RECENT MEETINGS OF THE INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE RL WAS MENTIONED BY THE SOVIETS ONCE AGAIN. THE SOVIET REP REITERATED HIS INTENTION OF GETTING SOME LANGUAGE IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT PROHIBITING "SUCH THINGS". MANY WESTERN DELEGATES, AS WELL AS THE LOCAL RFE REPORTER ARE PUZZLED BY THE FACT THAT RFE HAS ONLY BEEN MENTIONED IN PASSING WHILE RL HAS BEEN ATTACKED STRONGLY. IT WOULD APPEAR THE SOVIETS INTEND TO CARRY THIS FIGHT AGAINST THE RADIOS THEMSELVES SO CAN HIT AT RFE ONLY BY IMPLICATION SINCE IT DOES NOT BROADCAST TO THE USSR.
- 2. TWO FACTORS WHICH CAME TO LIGHT LAST WEEK ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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POTENTIALLY DISTURBING TO OUR DEFENSE OF RL. THESE WERE:

- 1) THE GREEK CLANDESTINE RADIO SITUATION MENTIONED REFTELS; 2) A FRG STATEMENT AT THE NATO CAUCUS OF COMMITTEE III THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE RADIOS UNTIL UNSPECIFIED "PROBLEMS" CONCERNING THEIR FRE-QUENCIES WERE RESOLVED.
- 3. THE GREEK REP CABLED TO ATHENS THE UNANIMOUS PLEA OF THE NATO CAUCUS REPORTED IN REFTEL (A) AND SINCE HE HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY HE HAS NOT YET INTRODUCED HIS PROPOSAL. IT REMAINS IN THE WINGS. IN RESPONSE TO AN INFORMAL INQUIRY THE FRG REP SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF THE FREQUENCIES PROBLEM BECAUSE HE WAS GIVEN HIS INSTRUCTION BY TELEPHONE AND THE MFA OFFICIAL WHO CALLED HIM DID NOT WANT TO GO INTO DETAIL.
- 4. THE COMBINATION OF THE GREEK AND FRG MATTERS HAS MADE ALL NATO COUNTRIES CHARY OF DEFENDING RL. IF THERE ARE FREQUENCY PROBLEMS IN FRG WE WOULD APPRECIATE A DETAILED EXPLANATION AND FORECAST SOONEST. THE RFE REPORTER HERE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE FREQUENCY PROBLEM, AND AFTER INQUIRING OF MUNICH, HE ASSURED US THAT RFE KNOWS OF NO PROBLEM. THE FRG STATEMENT MAY THEREFORE MASK OTHER CONCERNS. BASSIN

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